



Empowering. Strong. Capable. Curious.

FOREVER WILD

Learning Center

Return of the Humpback Whales
Winter Adventure Info Pack

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About Our Community & Learning Program



Forever Wild is a small, empowering educational program created to inspire curiosity, build confidence, and support children as they grow into capable, compassionate, lifelong learners.

We believe that childhood is a time to explore, wonder, create, move, and discover. Our learning environment is designed to give children the space to develop academically while also supporting their emotional well-being, physical development, independence, and sense of belonging.

At Forever Wild, education extends beyond traditional lessons. Children are encouraged to ask questions, solve problems, express their ideas, build meaningful relationships, and develop confidence in their own abilities.

Our approach is grounded in the belief that children learn best when they feel: Belonging. Supported. Capable. Curious.

We create a dynamic and welcoming learning environment where each child is known, valued, and encouraged to grow at their own pace. Through meaningful learning experiences, creative exploration, movement, active play, and time connected to the natural world, we help children develop the strong foundations they need for the future.

Our vision over the past five years has been to create a learning community where children are free to be curious, confident, creative, and fully engaged in their education.

We want children to develop not only strong academic skills but also the confidence and character to use those skills with purpose. We believe that education should nurture the whole child—supporting the mind, body, heart, and imagination.

At Forever Wild, we are growing strong roots for a lifetime of learning.



2 Exploring Las Terrenas with Us



One of the things we love most about Forever Wild is the community that grows beyond the program itself. Las Terrenas is an incredible place to spend time with children, and many of our families choose to make their experience even bigger by joining in on activities and adventures together.

MOVE, PLAY & LEARN

Many of our students and families participate in activities throughout the community. We love connecting families with activities where children can learn new skills, build confidence, make friends, and simply have fun together.

- Soccer, dance, martial arts and community sports
- Horseback riding
- Surfing and ocean activities

EXPLORE THE ISLAND

There is so much to discover beyond Las Terrenas, too. Families can join us for optional adventures and excursions such as cacao ceremonies, visits to local farms, waterfalls, nature tours, boat trips, and other experiences that allow children to experience the Dominican Republic beyond the classroom.

We are also within reach of Santo Domingo, making a day trip to the capital a wonderful opportunity to explore caves, historic sites, museums, and some of the country's rich cultural history.

AND, OF COURSE... THE BEACHES.

Las Terrenas is home to some of the most beautiful beaches in the Dominican Republic — and we take full advantage of them. Some days are about learning something new. Some are about trying something that feels a little scary. And some are simply about being barefoot in the sand, swimming in the ocean, and spending the day together.

These activities and excursions are not included in the Whale Adventure tuition and are available at an additional cost. Families are always welcome to participate independently, but one of the things we love most is doing them together as a community.

2 What's Included in the Whale Adventure

THREE WEEKS OF WILD LEARNING & ADVENTURE

The Forever Wild Whale Adventure is more than a camp.

It's three weeks of learning, exploring, connecting as a community.

Tuesday-Friday | 9:30 AM-2:30 PM

Each week, children will take part in our Forever Wild Learning Center, with programming built around our Whales & Ocean unit.



YOUR CHILD'S EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:

- Whales & Ocean Learning that include reading, writing, science, art, and hands-on projects connected to our whale and ocean exploration.
- Children learn together in small groups, building confidence, communication skills, independence, and the ability to work with others.
- Nature exploration, outdoor games, movement, challenges, and plenty of time learning beyond the walls of a classroom.
- Whale-Watching Adventure: Our special whale adventure on the water is part of the experience for enrolled children. Families and siblings are welcome to join us too, with additional spaces available for parents and siblings.

MAKE IT A FAMILY EXPERIENCE

We want the Whale Adventure to be something the whole family can enjoy.

Throughout the three weeks, families will have opportunities to join in:

- Optional evening clubs for children to continue exploring their interests beyond the daytime program.
- Family Events & Gatherings: Special opportunities for children and parents to come together, explore, play, and experience the community.
- Additional sports, movement opportunities, and community building available to enrolled families.

Come for the whales. Stay for the community.

Three weeks of community programming.

One big adventure for the whole family.

3 Pricing

There are plenty of ways to experience the incredible humpback whales of Samaná Bay. You can book a boat, head out on the water, and hope to catch a glimpse of these magnificent animals. But there is something completely different about experiencing it together.

For three weeks, your child will learn about these incredible animals, explore the ocean and the natural world around them, build friendships, create, play, and become part of a community of curious and adventurous families — and then have the opportunity to see the whales they've been learning about in the wild. This is more than a program. It's an experience they'll remember.

PROGRAM PRICING: \$650 PER CHILD

The three-week Forever Wild Whale Adventure is \$650 per enrolled child.

This includes the complete three-week program and the experiences described throughout this information pack. Payment is due at the time of registration to secure spots. Space is limited.

FAMILY REGISTRATION FEE: \$75 PER FAMILY

A one-time \$75 registration fee is required per family.

SIBLING DISCOUNT: 10% OFF EACH ADDITIONAL SIBLING

We love having families experience Forever Wild together. Each additional enrolled sibling receives 10% off their program fee.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

Program pricing does not include flights, transportation or accommodations in the Dominican Republic. It does not include additional tours or excursions, food or meals outside of anything specifically listed as included, optional community sports or additional family events or experiences with an associated cost. These optional experiences may be added to your family's adventure based on availability and interest.

A NOTE ABOUT REGISTRATION & CANCELLATIONS

Because we keep this program intentionally small and plan our experiences around the children who enroll, program payments are non-refundable. Please make sure your travel plans and availability are solid before committing to the program.

We also understand that sometimes life happens. If an emergency prevents your family from attending, your program payment may be transferred and applied toward a future Forever Wild session. Our goal is to offer families flexibility when the unexpected happens while allowing us to plan responsibly for the children and families who are joining us.

4 Who this is for



WHO IS THE WHALE ADVENTURE FOR?

AGES 4–12

The Forever Wild Whale Adventure is designed for children ages 4–12 who are ready to learn, play, explore, and participate as part of a small community.

One of the things that makes Forever Wild special is our family-style learning environment. Throughout the day, children have opportunities to learn across ages — listening to stories together, playing games, sharing ideas, exploring nature, and working on community projects. At other times, children are divided into smaller groups for developmentally appropriate activities based on their age and stage.

We believe there is something beautiful about children of different ages learning alongside one another. Older children have opportunities to lead and encourage younger children, while younger children benefit from watching and learning from those around them.

INDEPENDENCE & COMMUNICATION

To help every child have a successful and enjoyable experience, children participating in the program should be able to:

- Use the toilet independently
- Feed themselves independently
- Communicate their needs verbally
- Participate safely in a group setting
- Follow basic directions and group expectations with typical adult support

*All programming is conducted in English.

CREATING A SUCCESSFUL GROUP EXPERIENCE

Forever Wild is intentionally designed as a group learning and adventure experience. Children will spend parts of their day learning with an adult-led group, participating in shared activities, and following directions that help everyone stay safe, engaged, and connected.

We understand that every child is different and that children have different personalities, energy levels, and ways of learning. At the same time, children participating in this program need to be able to remain with the group, participate in activities, follow directions from our staff, and respect the physical and emotional well-being of the other children.

If a child needs a higher level of individualized support, has significant communication or behavioral support needs, or is not yet able to participate successfully in a group setting, we ask families to share this with us before enrollment. This allows us to understand the child's needs and determine what support or accommodations may be appropriate.

If a child requires dedicated one-to-one support throughout the program, a specialized support person may need to accompany the child, arranged and approved with the family in advance.

WHY WE SHARE THIS AHEAD OF TIME

We share these expectations with families before enrollment because we want everyone to know what to expect and feel confident that the Whale Adventure is the right fit for their child.

Our goal is to create a group where every child can participate fully and enjoy the experience without significant disruptions or interruptions to their learning, play, and connection with the group.

If your child has additional support needs, we are happy to talk with you ahead of time about what they need to be successful. Being open about those needs allows us to plan thoughtfully, make appropriate accommodations when possible, and determine whether additional one-to-one support may be needed.

We believe that when we plan for individual needs before the program begins, we can create a better experience for every child — including children who need additional support and children who are able to participate independently in the group setting. Our goal is simple: to create an environment where every child feels safe, supported, included, and successful — while protecting the learning, connection, and experience of the entire group.

*Three Weeks. One incredible adventure.
Memories you can't recreate.*

Come see the whales.

Come learn together.

Come be part of Forever Wild.

5 Why We Created Forever Wild in 2021



After more than 20 years of teaching in New York State, we saw that children thrive when they are encouraged to explore, take risks, solve problems, and believe in their own abilities. What if education focused less on measuring where children “should” be, and more on building the strong, capable individuals they are becoming?

Over the years, we watched incredible children become discouraged because they didn’t fit neatly into a grade-level expectation or standardized timeline. We saw classrooms filled with caring teachers doing their best, yet limited by systems that often valued test scores over curiosity, creativity, resilience, and character.

We knew there had to be another way. We knew every child develops at a unique pace. Instead of asking children to keep up with a system, we have created a system that meets children where they are, recognize their individual strengths, and help them grow with confidence.

In 2020, our family made the life-changing decision to leave the United States and move to the Dominican Republic. We weren’t simply looking for a new place to live—we were searching for a different way to learn, raise our family, and build community.

The island captured our hearts.

There is a certain kind of magic here—a slower rhythm, a deeper connection to nature, and a sense of community that reminds us what childhood should feel like. It became the place where we chose to raise our five children and where our vision for Forever Wild truly came to life.

Forever Wild was created to be more than an educational program. It is a place where children explore, create, ask questions, solve problems, build meaningful relationships, and develop the confidence to navigate the world around them.

While academics remain important, they are only one piece of a much bigger picture. Our greatest goal is to help raise capable, compassionate, resilient young people who love learning, care deeply for others, and believe in their own ability to make a difference.

Because when children are known, encouraged, and given the freedom to grow in their own time, they don’t just become better students.

They become stronger human beings.